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Title: ① STASYS RASTIKIS

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Synopsis: STASYS RASTIKIS, born 8/13/96, Kursona, Lithuania, resides with wife ELENA MARIJA RASTIKIS at 774 Pine Street, Monterey, California. RASTIKIS has been employed at U. S. Army Language School (ALS) as language instructor since 1955 and is presently Course Developer and Acting Chairman of the Lithuanian Department. He advised upon interview 1/31/62 that while residing in Lithuania in 1941, his daughters were deported to Siberia. RASTIKIS and his wife subsequently resided in Germany and traveled to the United States in 1949. He was naturalized in Washington, D.C., in 1954. He advised that while in DP camp in Germany in 1945, he was requested by Lithuanian authorities to furnish information regarding personnel and political matters, in which event it might be possible to allow his daughters to leave Siberia. RASTIKIS declined and reported the request to American Military Government. RASTIKIS advised that he has had no contact with Soviet personnel since arrival in the United States. His wife, using a fictitious name, has maintained correspondence and has sent packages to their two daughters who now reside in the USSR. RASTIKIS identified one daughter as the wife of a collective farm worker and the other daughter as a medical student. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

Instant matter is predicated upon receipt of the following information:

On October 26, 1961, the 115th Intelligence Corps Group, Presidio of Monterey, advised that a casual confidential contact of that agency believed to be fairly reliable on September 28, 1961, furnished the following information pertaining to STASYS RASTIKIS, born September 13, 1936, at Kursema, Lithuania, an instructor at the U. S. Army Language School (ALS), Presidio of Monterey, California:

"RASTIKIS suffered many hardships during WWII, including the loss of HIS two daughters who were seized by the Soviet Forces which invaded Lithuania. These daughters had been considered deceased until fairly recently when source learned through a conversation with SUBJECT that HE had been in contact with at least one of HIS daughters, now married and residing with her family in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR). SUBJECT has stated that HE had been receiving letters from the daughter, and in turn had been sending packages of food and clothing, as well as money to her. Source received the impression that SUBJECT is being imposed upon by the daughter and that SUBJECT might be extending HIMSELF financially in order to send the mentioned items to HIS daughter in USSR. Source believes SUBJECT to be unquestionably loyal to the United States, but expressed the opinion that SUBJECT might become an unwilling informant for hostile intelligence if pressure was exerted upon HIM using HIS daughter's well being as a lever.

BACKGROUND:

Records of the 115th Intelligence Corps Group Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, as reviewed on December 1, 1961, by SA WAYNE K. WELCH revealed the following information regarding RASTIKIS:

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STASYIS (MKN) RASTIKIS, as of June 21, 1955, was married to ELENA MARIJA SMETONA, born July 17, 1903, in Leipojus, Latvia. They were married June 29, 1929, in Lithuania.

RASTIKIS was appointed on May 18, 1955, as College Instructor, GS-7, Presidio of Monterey, California, and has continued to be employed as a Lithuanian language instructor.

The following former residences were furnished by RASTIKIS in 1955:

10/54 to date	1642 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California
12/53 to 10/54	708 - 19th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.
6/52 to 11/53	Bebenhauser Hotel, Rentlingen, Germany
12/52 to 6/53	30 Courtfield Gardens, London, England
5/51 to 11/52	117 Miles Avenue, Syracuse, New York
6/49 to 4/51	1728 N. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California
4/49 to 6/49	travelling
7/45 to 4/49	DP Camps in Scheinfeld and Regensburg, Germany
8/44 to 7/45	Caritas Haus, Regensburg, Germany
7/41 to 7/44	22 K. Petrausko, Kaunas, Lithuania
1/37 to 7/41	Panemune, Kaunas, Lithuania

He listed the following former employments in 1955:

10/54 to date	unemployed
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11/52 to 3/54	Army and State Dept., Pentagon, Washington D.C.
5/51 to 10/52	University, Syracuse, New York
6/49 to 4/51	Robert Mfg. Co., 9055 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, California
5/45 to 5/49	unemployed
8/44 to 5/45	Wood preserving factory, Regensburg, Germany
8/41 to 7/44	National War Museum, Kaunas, Lithuania
6/40 to 8/41	unemployed
1/37 to 6/40	Lithuanian Army

RASTIKIS stated that he had been an officer in the Russian Army during World War I, 1915-1918; 1919-1921 prisoner of war in USSR; 1934-1939 served on military staff diplomatic missions to Estonia, Latvia, Poland, USSR, Germany, France, and England; 1930-1932 at general staff academy in Germany; 1945-1949 at DP camps in Germany; 1952-1953 sent by U. S. Government to England and Germany. He advised he had contributed about 1000 articles to Lithuanian military magazines and newspapers in Lithuania and U. S. Written books captioned "Military History of Lithuania," "Instructions and Consultations for Military Arbitrators," and "Lithuanian Red Cross in Exile."

The current (October, 1961) roster of the U. S. ALS lists RASTIKIS as a Course Developer, GS-9, in the Lithuanian Department.

Indices of the San Francisco Division contain no record identifiable with RASTIKIS or his wife ELENA MARILJA RASTIKIS, nee SMETONA.

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INTERVIEW OF RASTIKIS

STASYS RASTIKIS was interviewed on January 31, 1962, by SAs WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN and WAYNE K. WELCH at Monterey, California. He advised that he resides with his wife, ELENA MARLJA RASTIKIS at 774 Pine Street, Monterey, and is regularly employed as a Course Developer in the Lithuanian Department of the U. S. ALS. He stated that he has been continually employed at the ALS since 1955 and that he is also presently the Acting Chairman of the department due to an extended absence of the regular chairman.

RASTIKIS related that he was an officer in the Lithuanian Army from 1914 until 1940, when the Army was disbanded after the invasion of Lithuania by the Russians. RASTIKIS related that he went into hiding to avoid arrest but that his wife was in prison until 1941.

During 1941, the RASTIKIS's three daughters, together with the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. RASTIKIS, were sent to Siberia in a mass deportation of Lithuanian citizens. All of the RASTIKIS family subsequently died in Siberia with the exception of two of the daughters.

In 1941, RASTIKIS obtained employment at a museum in Kaunas, Lithuania, and in 1944 he and his wife traveled to Germany, eventually coming to the United States in 1949.

In 1943 or 1944, according to RASTIKIS, Lithuanian colonies of the United States established contact with Lithuanian groups in Siberia and letters and packages were thereafter sent to Siberia from the United States. As the result of correspondence from the United States to Siberia, the whereabouts of RASTIKIS's daughters was ascertained and the Lithuanian Consul General in New York City subsequently corresponded with RASTIKIS and advised him of the location of his daughters.

RASTIKIS stated that his first contact with his daughters did not occur until he arrived in the United States and that the RASTIKISEs have subsequently corresponded with their daughters and have sent occasional packages of food and clothing. He advised that they presently correspond about four times a year.

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He observed that in an effort to conceal his identity as a correspondent of his daughters, he does not personally write to them. He explained that his wife prepares all of the correspondence and utilizes the fictitious name of "Mrs. STELLA STONYS," 775 Archer Street, Monterey. RASTIKIS explained that this is the residence address of his landlord. He advised that his wife has, at all times, written in a very cautious manner in an effort to avoid any comment which might jeopardize the position of their daughters in the event the letters are censored by Soviet authorities. RASTIKIS advised that he has a half-brother and a half-sister residing in Siberia and that his wife has a brother residing in Siberia, but he stated that they do not correspond with these relatives.

7/10/51 RASTIKIS identified his two daughters as follows:

LIANUTE JULIJA KATEIVA, now thirty-two years of age and residing with her husband on a collective farm located near Kalme, USSR. His daughter and her husband are both workers on the collective farm and they have three children.

7/10/51 MERLUTE MARLJA MERYTE, presently twenty-five years of age, single, and a student in a school of medicine in Kannas, USSR. She has changed her name from RASTIKIS to MERYTE.

RASTIKIS stated that he has never been approached or contacted since his arrival in the United States under circumstances indicating a possible espionage approach, but he advised that he was contacted in Europe along those lines. He explained that he, his wife, and his brother, BENRIKAS RASTIKIS, who now resides in Melrose Park, Illinois, were living in a displaced persons camp in Schenfeld, Germany, in 1945. The camp was composed primarily of Lithuanian displaced persons and a special Lithuanian Mission visited the camp on one occasion. RASTIKIS was contacted by two members of the

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Mission, a Colonel TVARONAS, first name unknown, and a second man, whose identity was not furnished to RASTIKIS. TVARONAS, a retired Lithuanian Army officer, informed RASTIKIS that his daughters were in Siberia and that it would be possible to return his daughters from Siberia or to effect the return of RASTIKIS and his wife to Lithuania in the event that RASTIKIS would be willing to cooperate with the Lithuanians for a reasonable period of time. They then explained that they wanted RASTIKIS to furnish information to them regarding Lithuanian personnel in the DP camp and regarding political matters in the camp. RASTIKIS advised that the conversation took place in the presence of his wife and brother.

RASTIKIS advised that he declined to accept the offer and reported the matter on the following day to STASYS DIRUTIS, Director of the camp, and presently a resident of Brooklyn, New York. After several days, RASTIKIS and DIRUTIS visited the office of a representative of the American Military Government and RASTIKIS furnished all details concerning the Lithuanians' request.

In December, 1954, RASTIKIS testified concerning the afore-mentioned request, and regarding communists and displaced persons, before a Subcommittee of the U. S. House of Representatives which was conducting an investigation pertaining to Baltic States. RASTIKIS was unable to recall the specific identity of the committee. He stated that details concerning his testimony before the committee were subsequently published in a Lithuanian newspaper in Chicago.

RASTIKIS advised that he has had no contact with any Soviet personnel associated with either the Soviet Embassy or the Soviet United Nations members or others since his arrival in the United States. *11/14*

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He advised that he is affiliated with no organization. He stated that during 1952-1953 he was associated with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., England, and Germany.

RASTIKIS advised that he was aware of the hostage aspect of his situation and he advised that he would immediately report any requests or approaches which might possibly indicate

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that he was being considered for recruitment by foreign intelligence service.

RA TIKIS advised that during recent years he has written articles regarding military strategy for the Lithuanian Encyclopedia published in Boston, Massachusetts. He observed that in 1957 he published his memoirs in the Lithuanian language, two volumes, and that the book was handled by a Los Angeles publisher.

Indices of the San Francisco Division contain no record identifiable with "Mrs. STELLA STONYIS."

DESCRIPTION

The following described was obtained from observation and interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	September 13, 1896, at Kursen, Lithuania
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Gray, partially bald
Eyes:	Blue
Naturalized:	Washington, D.C., 1954

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